

and government seemed to be the order of the day. Among the invited guests present were General Superintendent Tallmadge, Superintendent Aid Breton, ex-Judge Munroe and Aid. Owen, beside quite a society company of prominent citizens of the Twenty-first Ward.

VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO THE PORTS.—Gov. Floyd, Secretary of War, arrived in this city on Friday evening, and yesterday morning, in company with Gen. Scott and staff, Gen. Tothen, Major Barnard and Lieut. McFurston, started at 10 o'clock on a visit to Fort Richmond. The various forts and about the harbor will be visited by the Secretary of War for the purpose of examining into their condition, and to ascertain what improvements can be made for the better protection of the harbor.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN.—John H. Hicks, a descendant of one of the earliest families belonging to the Society of Friends in this city, and himself for many years a prominent merchant, died at his residence in Union place, on Wednesday evening, of consumption. He was very highly esteemed both in society and on Church.

MORE RUSSIANISM.—Another man fatally stricken.—Information was received at the Coroner's office yesterday afternoon that Edward Riley, who lived in the rear of house No. 239 West Thirty-second street, had died from the effects of violence recently inflicted upon him by a gang of unknown rowdies. The deceased was passing through Oliver street, or some other portion of the Fourth Ward, a few nights ago, when he was set upon by several persons, who beat and kicked him most cruelly about the face, head and breast. He managed to get home, but afterward never left the house again, and continued to fall gradually up to the hour of his death, which took place late on Thursday. An inquest will be held on the body to-day, and in the mean time strenuous efforts are being made to ferret out and arrest the guilty parties.

A CASE OF CHILD-MURDER.—An inquest was held by Coroner Hills, at the Eighteenth Precinct Police Station, on the remains of a male infant which was found in the vault of premises No. 189 East Twenty-first street, occupied by Mr. James Dismore. Eliza Howard, the supposed mother of the child, had been a domestic in the family of Mr. Dismore. Last Monday week she was taken sick, and in answer to questions as to the cause of her illness, Eliza stated that she had a severe attack of diarrhea, and desired Mrs. Dismore to send for a doctor. This was done, and when the physician arrived Eliza repeated what she had previously said concerning her indisposition, and stated that she soon felt much better. After keeping her bed only for a few hours, Eliza dressed herself, and performed her regular duties about the house till the morning of the 20th instant, when she left and did not return again. Whereabouts is at present unknown. Dr. Beach made a post-mortem examination of the body, and testified that the child was born alive. There was no evidence to show the fact, but it is believed that the domestic in question, after giving birth to the child, threw it into the sink. The jury rendered a verdict of death "by suffocation. We farther believe that the deceased was thrown into the sink by the mother, Eliza Howard." A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the accused, and placed in the hands of an officer for execution.

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NEW-YORK, Oct. 19, 1887.
The Park Bank:
To the order of Mrs. Capt. Williamson, or bearer,
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The cashier not suspecting the check to be a forged one, it was in payment and returned Atwood alias Williamson \$24 in good money. Upon presenting the check to the Park Bank the paying teller declared it to be a forgery. Officer Stokely was employed in the matter and succeeded in finding the accused and arresting him. The prisoner was fully identified by the clerk and cashier in the store and committed by Justice Connerly for examination on.

APPROPRIATION OF MOAR BURGLES.—Two men, giving their names as Curran Palermo and William Seward, were arrested yesterday, charged with burglariously entering a liquor saloon on Broadway upon which the Sheriff had levied, and stealing therefrom about \$150 worth of property, which was afterward recovered from a house in Mercer street, whither it had been carried. Justice Wood, before whom the accused were taken, committed them to the Essex Market Prison for examination.

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